



MONTHLY FARM REPORT

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CROP ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION - October 1, 2007

| CROPS | Unit | NORTH CAROLINA | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------------|
| | | Acres Harvested | | Yield | | Production | | Percent Change |
| | | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | |
| | | Thousands | | | | Thousands | | +/- |
| Corn for Grain | Bu. | 740 | 1,030 | 132 | 89 | 97,680 | 91,670 | -6 |
| Cotton: Upland ¹ | Lb. | 865 | 495 | 713 | 611 | 1,285 | 630 | -51 |
| Hay: Other | Ton | 680 | 690 | 2.40 | 1.30 | 1,632 | 897 | -45 |
| Peanuts | Lb. | 84 | 92 | 3,200 | 2,400 | 268,800 | 220,800 | -18 |
| Soybeans for Beans | Bu. | 1,360 | 1,370 | 32 | 20 | 43,520 | 27,400 | -37 |
| Tobacco: Flue-cured | Lb. | 155 | 165 | 2,090 | 2,000 | 323,950 | 330,000 | +2 |
| Tobacco: Burley | Lb. | 3.8 | 4.0 | 1,700 | 1,600 | 6,460 | 6,400 | -1 |
| | | Actual Acres | | | | | | |
| FRUITS: | | | | | | | | |
| Apples ² | Lb. | 6,800 | ³ | 25,400 | ³ | 173,000 | 50,000 | -71 |
| Pecans | Lb. | ⁴ | ⁴ | ⁴ | ⁴ | 500 | 600 | +20 |
| | | UNITED STATES | | | | | | |
| | | Thousands | | | | Millions | | +/- |
| Corn for Grain | Bu. | 70,648 | 86,071 | 149.1 | 154.7 | 10,534.9 | 13,318.1 | +26 |
| Cotton: All ¹ | Lb. | 12,731.5 | 10,543.0 | 814 | 826 | 21.6 | 18.2 | -16 |
| Hay: All Other | Ton | 60,807 | 61,789 | 2.33 | 2.39 | 141.7 | 148.0 | +4 |
| Peanuts | Lb. | 1,210 | 1,190 | 2,863 | 2,873 | 3,464.3 | 3,419.3 | -1 |
| Soybeans for Beans | Bu. | 74,602 | 62,818 | 42.7 | 41.4 | 3,188.2 | 2,598.0 | -19 |
| Tobacco: Flue-cured | Lb. | 213.1 | 225.0 | 2,095 | 2,024 | 446.5 | 455.5 | +2 |
| Tobacco: Burley | Lb. | 103.6 | 105.2 | 2,095 | 1,826 | 217.1 | 192.1 | -12 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| FRUITS: | | | | | | | | |
| Apples ² | Lb. | 378,860 | ³ | 26,000 | ³ | 9,931.7 | 9,254.7 | -7 |
| Pecans | Lb. | ⁴ | ⁴ | ⁴ | ⁴ | 206.3 | 319.6 | +55 |

¹ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. ² Total production. ³ To be released January, 2007. ⁴ Not estimated.

WEATHER SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER: Dry weather and above normal temperatures dominated the month of September resulting in soil moisture levels being rated mostly very poor and poor. Many crops are being negatively affected by the continued drought and above normal temperatures. By month's end, harvest progress for corn for grain, sorghum, sweetpotatoes and burley tobacco were above the 5-year averages. Apples, peanuts, corn for silage and hay were inline with the 5-year average and flue-cured tobacco was slightly behind the 5-year average.

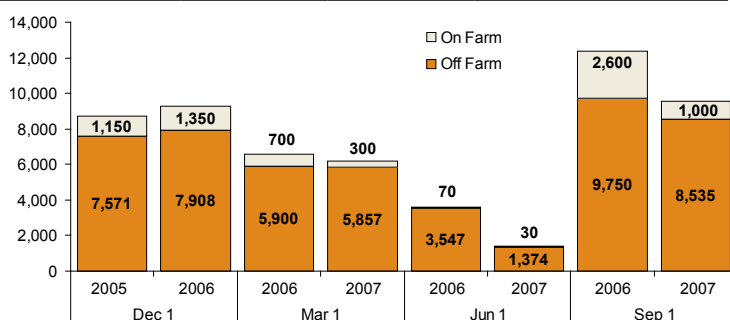


Soybean
production is
down 37%
from 2006.

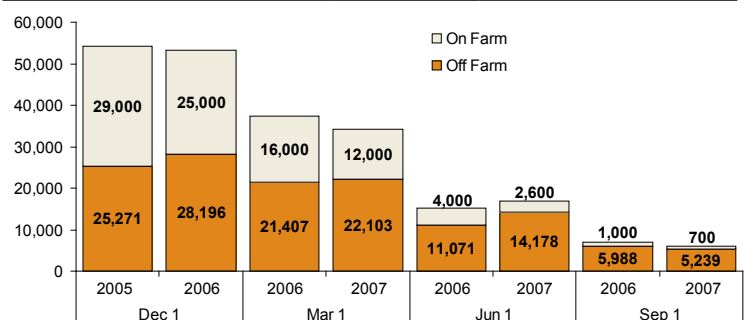
OFF FARM GRAIN STOCKS

OFF FARM GRAIN STOCKS reported for Soybeans totaled 3,911,000 bushels as of September 1, 2007.

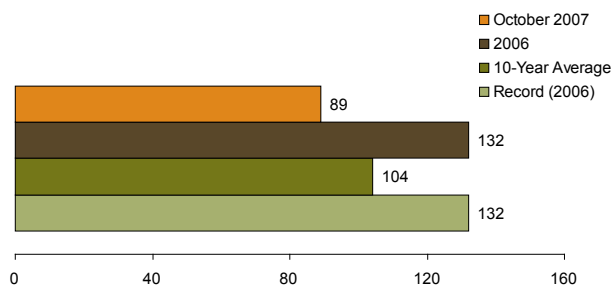
WHEAT STOCKS (Thousand Bushels)



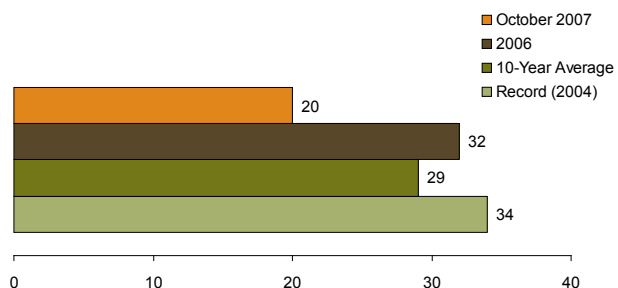
CORN STOCKS (Thousand Bushels)



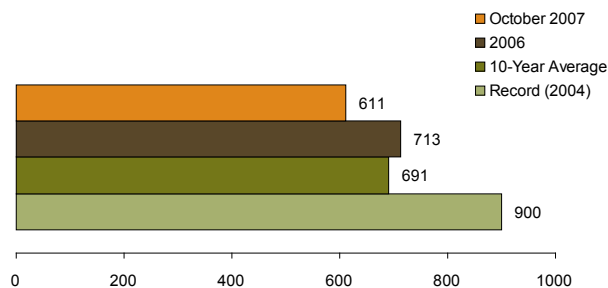
CORN FOR GRAIN YIELD *(Bushels)*



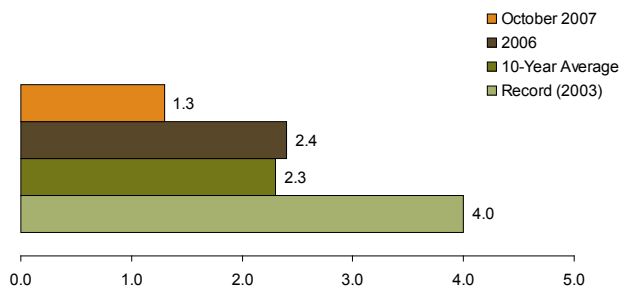
SOYBEAN YIELD *(Bushels)*



UPLAND COTTON YIELD *(Pounds)*

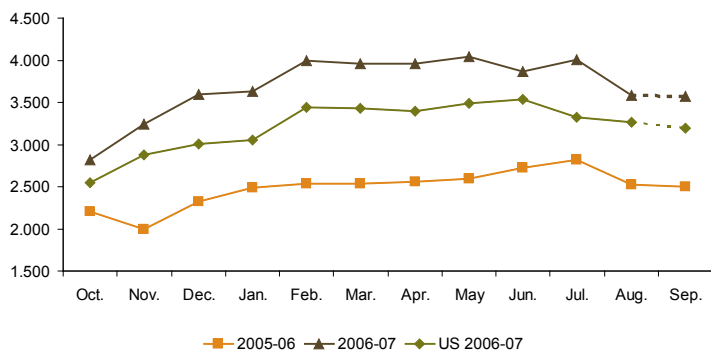


OTHER HAY YIELD *(Tons)*



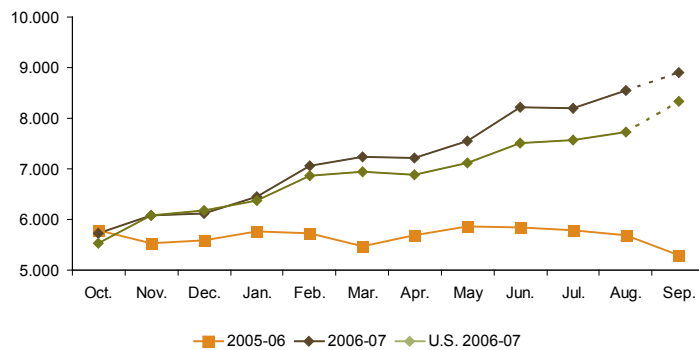
PRICES RECEIVED FOR CORN

**Preliminary Mid-month Prices for September, 2007 (Dollars per Bushel)*



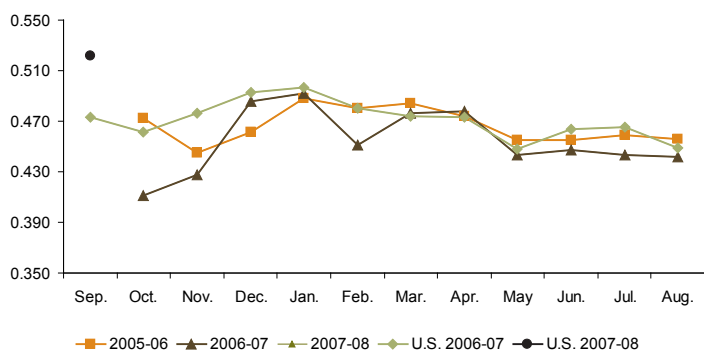
PRICES RECEIVED FOR SOYBEANS

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PRICES RECEIVED FOR UPLAND COTTON

**Preliminary Mid-month Prices for September, 2007 (Dollars per Pound)*



SEPTEMBER 2007 PRELIMINARY PRICES RECEIVED

- Corn \$3.57 per bushel
- Soybeans \$8.90 per bushel
- Hogs \$48.50 per hundredweight
- Eggs \$0.974 per dozen

Pecan
production is
up 20%
from last
year.



Apple
production is
down 71%
from last year.



EGG PRODUCTION - August

| STATE | LAYERS ON HAND | | TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED | | TABLE EGGS | | HATCHING EGGS | |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 |
| | <i>Thousands</i> | | <i>Million Eggs</i> | | | | | |
| Alabama | 8,615 | 9,014 | 169 | 175 | 37 | 27 | 132 | 148 |
| Florida | 10,498 | 10,642 | 241 | 243 | 234 | 233 | 7 | 10 |
| Georgia | 19,356 | 19,190 | 404 | 393 | 216 | 205 | 188 | 188 |
| North Carolina | 10,945 | 12,204 | 224 | 254 | 85 | 110 | 139 | 144 |
| South Carolina | 4,958 | 4,618 | 106 | 96 | 85 | 74 | 21 | 22 |
| United States | 341,540 | 339,471 | 7,647 | 7,568 | 6,557 | 6,438 | 1,090 | 1,130 |

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - August

| SPECIES | NORTH CAROLINA | | | | UNITED STATES | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | Number Slaughtered ¹ | | Total Live Weight | | Number Slaughtered ¹ | | Total Live Weight | | Total Dressed Weight ² | |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 |
| | <i>Thousand Head</i> | | <i>Thousand Pounds</i> | | <i>Million Head</i> | | <i>Million Pounds</i> | | <i>Million Pounds</i> | |
| Cattle | 17.5 | 19.9 | 20,387 | 22,984 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3,986 | 3,994 | 2,450 | 2,451 |
| Hogs | 1001.6 | 1013.5 | 247,757 | 256,947 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 2,381 | 2,471 | 1,780 | 1,850 |
| Total | 1019.1 | 1033.4 | 268,144 | 279,931 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 6,367 | 6,465 | 4,258 | 4,326 |

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. ² Totals may not equal sum due to rounding.

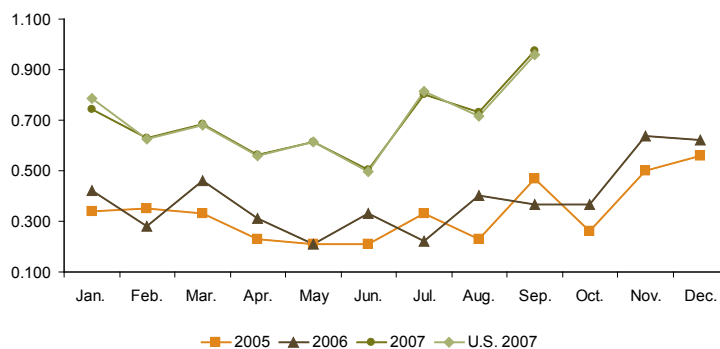
CHICKS HATCHED - August

| STATE | BROILER-TYPE | | Percent Changes |
|---|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | |
| | <i>Thousands</i> | | <i>+/-</i> |
| Alabama | 117,638 | 119,091 | +1 |
| Arkansas | 103,379 | 104,740 | +1 |
| Delaware | 14,902 | 15,564 | +4 |
| Florida | 5,066 | 5,049 | 0 |
| Georgia | 127,237 | 130,946 | +3 |
| Kentucky | 26,933 | 28,323 | +5 |
| Louisiana | 14,562 | 14,597 | 0 |
| Maryland | 32,247 | 31,977 | -1 |
| Mississippi | 67,615 | 69,419 | +3 |
| North Carolina | 67,688 | 72,944 | +8 |
| Oklahoma | 22,952 | 24,347 | +6 |
| Pennsylvania | 14,618 | 14,331 | -2 |
| South Carolina | 19,492 | 20,429 | +5 |
| Texas | 55,149 | 55,741 | +1 |
| Virginia | 23,668 | 23,409 | -1 |
| California, Missouri, Tennessee & West Virginia | 73,274 | 71,830 | -2 |
| 19 States ¹ | 786,420 | 802,737 | +2 |
| Other States ² | 23,610 | 26,051 | +10 |
| United States | 810,030 | 828,788 | +2 |

¹ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. ² Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR MARKET TYPE EGGS

*Preliminary Mid-month Prices for September, 2007 (Dollars per Dozen)



LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

TURKEY HATCHERY: Eggs in Incubators on October 1, 2007 totaled 9,775,000 for the North and South Atlantic Region. This is a slight increase from 9,731,000 eggs reported the previous year. Poults placed during October total 8,059,000, a 7% increase from 7,508,000 poults placed in 2006.

SOWS FARROWING: North Carolina producers intend to farrow 540,000 sows during the September - November 2007 quarter and 540,000 sows during the December 2007 - February 2008 quarter.

PIG CROP: The State's pig crop during the June-August period totaled 4.98 million head, down 2 percent from the same quarter last year.

PIGS PER LITTER: The number of pigs saved per litter averaged 9.05, down from 9.10 pigs saved on average last year.

Peanut

production is

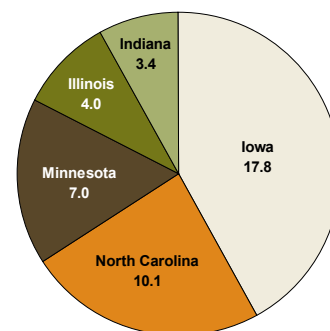
down 18%

from 2006.

HOGS AND PIGS - Inventory Number by Class and Weight Group

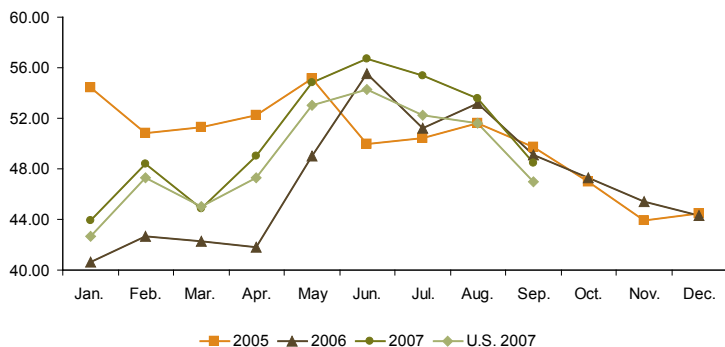
| ITEM | SEPTEMBER 1 INVENTORY | | | JUNE 1 INVENTORY | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------------|----------------------|-------|----------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | Percent Change | 2006 | 2007 | Percent Change |
| | <i>Thousand Head</i> | | <i>+/-</i> | <i>Thousand Head</i> | | <i>+/-</i> |
| SEPTEMBER 1 INVENTORY: | | | | | | |
| All Hogs and Pigs | 9,700 | 10,100 | +4 | 9,600 | 9,500 | -1 |
| Kept for breeding | 1,010 | 1,030 | +2 | 1,020 | 1,020 | 0 |
| Market | 8,690 | 9,070 | +4 | 8,580 | 8,480 | -1 |
| Market Hogs and Pigs | | | | | | |
| By Weight Groups: | | | | | | |
| Under 60 Lbs. | 3,530 | 3,550 | +1 | 3,540 | 3,500 | -1 |
| 60-119 Lbs. | 2,040 | 2,210 | +8 | 1,960 | 1,900 | -3 |
| 120-179 Lbs. | 1,710 | 1,760 | +3 | 1,690 | 1,670 | -1 |
| 180 Lbs. and Over | 1,410 | 1,550 | +10 | 1,390 | 1,410 | +1 |

HOG INVENTORY LEADING STATES September 1, 2007 (Million Head)



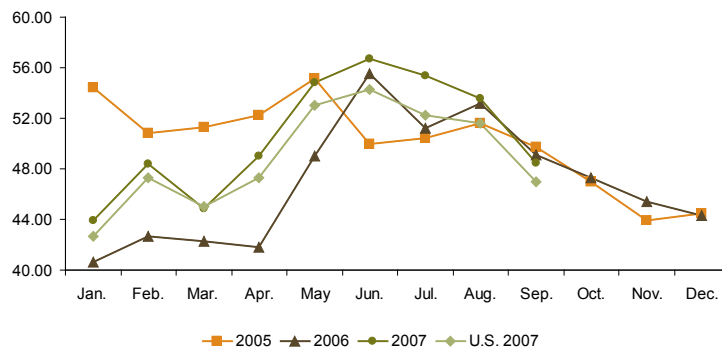
HOG & PIG INVENTORY

(Thousand Head)



PRICES RECEIVED FOR HOGS

*Preliminary Mid-month Prices for September, 2007 (Dollars per Cwt.)



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